

**MECHANISM BY WHICH PLATFORM INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE MAY BIND
TO AND ACCESS PLATFORM DEPENDENT SOFTWARE**

5 Methods and apparatus for a platform independent object to bind to and access platform dependent software are disclosed. According to one aspect of the present invention, a software object that includes a wrapper and an associated platform dependent software. The platform independent object calls the wrapper. The wrapper, in turn, directly calls the associated platform dependent method. In this way, a platform independent object accesses the platform
10 dependent method by directly calling the wrapper associated with the method.

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